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OPERATION CONTROL DEVICE )

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the following information is brought to the  
Examiner's attention.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 2657876. A discussion of relevance of this document is set  
forth on page one of the present application.

To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record, the above-  
noted document is cited on the attached form PTO-1449 and a copy of the document is enclosed.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing information and to  
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